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RE: **SCHIP and SSN Requirements**

Introduction

Eligibility Letter 88 transmitted revised regulations, effective November 1, 2001, to comply with the federal State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) regulations. One of the changes included in the Division's revised Volume I regulations is that the Division may request but cannot require the social security number (SSN) of family group members who are not applying for MassHealth or the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP), or of non-family-group members, unless they are listed as sources of health insurance on the MBR (Medical Benefit Request) or ERVs (Eligibility Review forms). Persons applying for MassHealth Limited or CMSP are also not required to give their SSNs to the Division.

**MA21 Change
for SSNs**

MA21 has been updated, and will no longer require an SSN for family group members who are not applying. Also, MA21 will no longer generate a Request for Information (VC-1) to request SSN verification for nonapplying family group members.

**Revised MBR/
ERVs/HCR
Member Booklet**

The revised MBR, ERVs, and HCR Member Booklet that will be available after April 1, 2002, contain new language about providing SSNs to the Division, in accordance with the SSN changes discussed above.

Questions

Please direct any questions about the information in this memo to the MassHealth Policy Hotline through the designee at your enrollment center.
